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Welcome to the Heart of the Highlands

Imagine stepping into a timeless 5-star haven right in the heart of Nuwara Eliya. The Grand Hotel, Sri Lanka's very first certified heritage property, began life in 1824 as Barnes Hall, the home of British Governor Sir Edward Barnes and opened its doors as a hotel in 1892. Today, this elegant retreat blends its storied colonial past with modern comforts at every turn.

Here, you'll find 154 beautifully styled rooms, each thoughtfully appointed to honour the hotel's legacy while delivering contemporary luxury. Wander through our 4-acre English-style gardens, dotted with seasonal blooms and manicured lawns, then choose from 10 unique dining spots that range from cozy tearooms to sophisticated restaurants.

Renowned for its graceful architecture, engaging history, and warm service, the Grand Hotel stands on pillars of integrity, quality, and sustainability. Every detail celebrates both nature and heritage, inviting guests to relax, explore, and immerse themselves in Sri Lankan charm.

Perched at 6,200 feet above sea level, just six degrees north of the equator, this is more than a destination. It's an experience you (and your clients) will never forget.

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Where Time Stands Still and Stories Live On

Let's take a stroll down memory lane. In 1819, Sir Edward Barnes commissioned Barnes Hall as his private residence, planting the seeds for what would become Nuwara Eliya's most beloved heritage landmark. Fast forward to 1891, when the Nuwara Eliya Hotels Company Limited transformed that stately home into the Grand Hotel, setting the stage for decades of elegance.

By the early 1900s, the hotel grew with a new Northern Wing and enhanced guest facilities. The arrival of the railway at Nanu Oya in 1903 and better roads opened the floodgates to travellers eager for cool mountain air and colonial charm.

Through the years, nobility, dignitaries, and wanderers from every corner of the globe have crossed our threshold. Mid-century renovations modernized our spaces while keeping that unmistakable colonial flair. Then, in 1987, visionaries Cornel Perera and George Ondaatjie led a major revival, restoring the Grand Hotel's prestige and profitability.

Today, we proudly hold the title of Sri Lanka's first certified heritage hotel, inviting guests to honour our past while savouring the finest modern luxuries. With 154 exquisite rooms and 10 distinct dining experiences, the Grand Hotel remains the crown jewel of "Little England."

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Celebrated with Pride, Honoured with Heart

For over a hundred years, the Grand Hotel in Nuwara Eliya has been delighting guests with its signature blend of timeless elegance and heartfelt hospitality. Tucked away among misty hills and lush gardens, this iconic property continues to shine as a symbol of colonial charm infused with modern luxury, setting the gold standard for refined stays in Sri Lanka.

Over the decades, we've been honoured with a host of prestigious awards that speak to our unwavering commitment to excellence. From the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award and Certificate of Excellence, to the Hotels.com Loved by Guests Award and the coveted World Luxury Hotel Award, each accolade reflects the care, precision, and grace we pour into every guest experience.

But it's not just about luxury, it's about responsibility, too. We're proud to be Travelife GOLD Certified, a recognition of our dedication to environmentally conscious and sustainable tourism. Our efforts span across energy and water conservation, smart waste management through our innovative 12R program, and meaningful community engagement projects that uplift local livelihoods.

And we're not stopping there. The Grand continues to evolve, offering curated experiences, exquisite cuisine, and personalized service that celebrate both tradition and innovation. Whether guests arrive seeking relaxation, romance, or adventure, every moment here is thoughtfully designed to be memorable, meaningful, and truly unforgettable.

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Rooted in Responsibility, Growing with Purpose

At the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, sustainability isn't just a buzzword, it's a way of life. We're proud to lead the charge in responsible hospitality through a robust Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategy, guided by our dedicated Sustainability Committee and aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our commitment is backed by globally respected certifications, including Travelife Gold, ISO 14001 for Environmental Management, ISO 9001 for Quality Management, and ISO 22000 for Food Safety. These benchmarks reflect our promise to uphold international standards while nurturing the planet and its people.

On the environmental front, we've embraced smart resource management with our 12R Concept and Green Bank initiative, both designed to minimize landfill waste and promote circular practices. We monitor energy and water usage closely, using low-impact systems to ensure our footprint stays light and our impact stays positive.

Socially, we're deeply invested in uplifting our local communities. Through inclusive hiring and procurement policies, and heartfelt initiatives like Change Hands—which repurposes high-quality linen for those in need—we're making a real difference in everyday lives.

And it's not just our team that's involved. Guests are invited to be part of our sustainability journey through regular training sessions and awareness campaigns across the property. Together, we're creating a space where luxury and responsibility go hand in hand, and where every stay supports a brighter, greener future.

In recognition of our dedication to Sustainability and our commitment to protecting the environment, we are proud to have received the Silver Award at the Presidential Environment Awards 2025, the highest honor received for the hotel category.



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Accommodation

Where Comfort Meets Character: Your Stay at the Grand

Welcome to a place where luxury feels personal and every view tells a story. Right in the heart of Nuwara Eliya, the Grand Hotel offers 154 beautifully designed rooms that blend elegance with serenity. Whether you're here for a quiet escape, a romantic getaway, or a group adventure, we've got the perfect space waiting for you -143 Deluxe Rooms and 11 exclusive Suites - each crafted with care to

Room configurations include king-sized, queen, twin, triple, and quad-triple setups—so whether you're traveling solo, as a couple, with family, or with friends, you'll find a space that fits just right. Also, we have 2 rooms especially configured making them very accessibility friendly. Every detail, from the layout to the lighting, is thoughtfully curated to elevate your experience.

Room Type	Total	Bed Type & Balcony	Room Size sq.ft	Extra Bed	Maximum Occupancy
Deluxe Room	143	King / Twin / Triple / Quadruple	400 sq. ft	01	2 / 3 / 4
Junior Suites	2	King	484 sq. ft	01	3
Queen Elisabeth's Suite	1	King / Private Balcony / Leaving area	826 sq. ft	00	2
Presidential Suite	3	King / Twin / Leaving area	1,260 sq. ft	01	5
Gregory's Suite	1	King / Private Balcony / Leaving area	1,520 sq. ft	00	4

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Deluxe Room

Step into 400 square feet of Edwardian elegance. Our Deluxe Rooms are a graceful blend of classic charm and modern comfort, wrapped in warm tones and refined furnishings. It's the kind of space that invites you to slow down, breathe deeply, and unwind after a day of exploring Nuwara Eliya's misty beauty.



Junior Suite

At 484 square feet, the Junior Suite offers a little more room to stretch out and settle in. With rich textures, tasteful décor, and a separate seating area, it's ideal for couples or solo travellers who appreciate a touch of extra space and sophistication.



Queen Elizabeth Suite

This 826-square-foot sanctuary is where French elegance meets Sri Lankan warmth. A spacious bedroom flows into a cozy living area, all framed by sweeping views of the surrounding hills. With classic architectural details and graceful furnishings, it's a refined retreat for those who love a little grandeur.

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Presidential Suite

Spread across 1,260 square feet, the Presidential Suite is a two-bedroom haven designed for comfort and privacy. A welcoming living room with a fireplace sets the tone, while the en-suite bedrooms feature luxurious finishes and timeless touches. Perfect for families or groups who want to relax in style.



Gregory's Suite

At 1,520 square feet, Gregory's Suite is the crown jewel of indulgence. With two en-suite bedrooms, a spacious living area, and interiors that whisper elegance in every detail, this suite is for those who want the very best. Bespoke furnishings and plush materials make it a truly unforgettable stay.



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Flavors to Savor: Dining at the Grand

If you love food, you're in for a treat. At the Grand Hotel, dining isn't just a necessity, it's an experience. Our Chefs bring together flavours from around the world, crafting dishes that celebrate both heritage and innovation. From bold Eastern spices and authentic Asian delicacies to refined Western classics and beloved Sri Lankan recipes, every bite is designed to delight.

Each of our dining venues has its own personality. Inviting spaces, beautiful décor and service that reflects the warmth of true Sri Lankan hospitality. Picture yourself enjoying a leisurely breakfast as the morning mist rolls in, sipping afternoon tea on the lawn or savouring a candlelit dinner that feels like a celebration.

We invite you to explore a world of flavour through:
- Live cooking stations
- Themed buffets
- Private dining under the stars
- Wine-paired degustation menus

And, because we believe great food should be for everyone, we cater to a wide range of dietary preferences ensuring that your culinary journey is as inclusive as it is delicious.

Let every meal tell a story, of place, passion, and pure artistry. We're happy to curate menus just for you, making each dining experience uniquely yours. Whether you're craving comfort, elegance, or a dash of adventure, our dining venues offer something delicious for every mood and moment.

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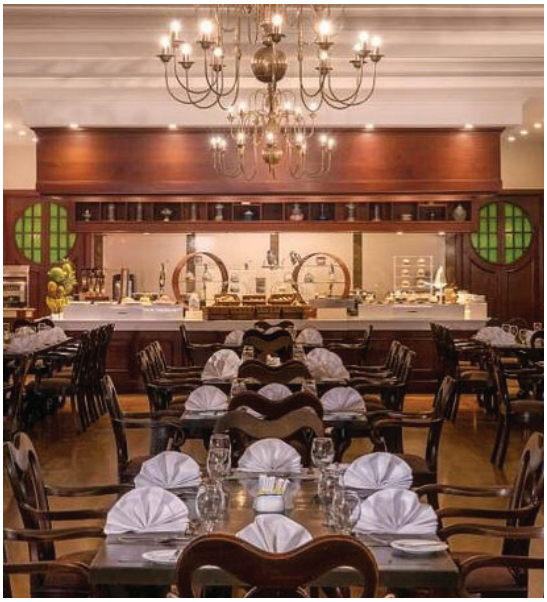

Barnes Hall – Where History Meets Flavour

Step into the grandeur of Barnes Hall, once the stage for state banquets and glittering balls. Today, it's a vibrant buffet restaurant serving up a global medley of flavors—from sizzling Japanese teppanyaki and fragrant Middle Eastern grills to Mediterranean favourites, European classics, and soulful Sri Lankan dishes. Watch chefs work their magic at live-action stations and let your senses lead the way.

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 03:00 PM
Dinner: 07:00 PM – 10:00 PM



The Grand Indian – Spice, Soul & Story

The Grand Indian is a love letter to British Indian culinary traditions. Think rich North Indian curries, smoky tandoori platters, aromatic biryanis, and Mediterranean-inspired surprises—all bursting with flavour and freshly prepared just for you.

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 03:00 PM
Dinner: 07:00 PM – 10:00 PM

(Extended Hours (Fri–Sun): 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM)



The Grand Thai – A Taste of Tranquillity

Bold, balanced, and beautifully plated—The Grand Thai brings the essence of East Asia to your table. Classic Thai dishes are elevated with herbs and spices grown right in our organic garden, ensuring every bite is as fresh as it is authentic.

Lunch: 12:00 PM – 03:00 PM
Dinner: 07:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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Magnolia – Cravings, Covered

Open 24/7, Magnolia is your go-to for comfort food with flair. From crisp salads and gourmet wraps to juicy burgers, wood-fired pizzas, and perfectly grilled steaks, it's the kind of place where every craving finds its match. The antique-inspired setting adds a cozy charm to every bite.

Open: 24 Hours



Garden Room – Five Courses of Elegance

Inspired by Sir Edward Barnes himself, the Garden Room offers a refined five-course degustation menu that's as much a journey as a meal. Colonial heritage meets modern culinary artistry in an intimate setting that whispers sophistication.

Open: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM



The Grand Verandah – High Tea with a View

Set beside the fountain lawn, this elegant lounge reimagines English High Tea with Sri Lankan soul. Sip fine teas, nibble on delicate pastries and warm scones with clotted cream, or elevate the moment with our Sparkling High Tea complete with bubbly.

Open: 08:00 AM – 10:00 PM

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Royal High Tea – Afternoon Indulgence

In the heart of “Little England,” Royal High Tea is a ritual of refinement. Enjoy white-glove service, handcrafted finger sandwiches, buttery scones, and exquisite pastries—all paired with premium teas and a glass of champagne. Choose the garden or the Verandah Lounge for your perfect setting.

(No time indicated)



Grand Café – Coffee, Cake & Charm

Just across the iconic front lawn, the Grand Café is your cozy corner for handcrafted coffees, velvety cappuccinos, and Victorian-era pastries. Fresh fruit juices and gourmet cakes round out the menu in this relaxed, welcoming space.

Open Daily: 07:00 AM – 08:00 PM



The Library Bar – Sip & Savor

Literary elegance meets mixology mastery at The Library Bar. Enjoy bespoke cocktails, curated spirits, and gourmet pairings in a space that feels both classic and contemporary. Personalized mixology sessions make every visit a story worth telling.

Open Daily: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

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Public Bar & Snooker Room – Heritage on Tap

Step into colonial charm at the Public Bar and Snooker Room. Sip vintage cocktails and premium spirits while admiring antique architecture and original billiard tables brought in from London a hundred and fifty years ago. It's tradition with a twist.

Open Daily: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM



The Wine Bar – For Lovers of the Grape

Whether you're a seasoned sommelier or a curious sipper, The Wine Bar offers a curated selection of Old and New World vintages. Enjoy tastings, small plates, and an ambiance perfect for romantic evenings or refined gatherings.

Open Daily: 10:00 AM – Midnight



Shisha Lounge – Chill in Style

Relax, unwind, and let the flavours flow at our chic Shisha Lounge. With premium blends, curated music, and cozy seating, it's the perfect spot for casual hangouts or stylish nights out.

Open Daily: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

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In-Room Dining – Comfort, Delivered

Craving something delicious without leaving your room? Our 24-hour in-room dining service has you covered from lazy breakfasts and light lunches to romantic dinners and midnight indulgences.



Teppanyaki – Dinner with a Show

At the Culinary Studio, Teppanyaki is more than a meal, it's a performance. Watch expert chefs sizzle up Japanese-American fusion dishes at our exclusive Chef Table or enjoy the open-iron theatrics outdoors.

(Reservations Recommended)



Dining by Design – Your Table, Your Way

Celebrate in style with a private dining experience tailored just for you. Choose from Sri Lankan, international, or beach barbecue menus or collaborate with your personal chef to create something truly special. Wine Guru pairings add sparkle to every celebration.

(Advanced Reservations Required)

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Banquets & Conferences at the Grand

Planning a celebration, a corporate gathering, or something in between? At the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, we turn events into elegant affairs that are wrapped in history, elevated by charm and delivered with seamless precision.

What We Offer

From lavish receptions to exclusive cocktail parties, our dedicated events team is here to make it all happen. We handle everything from gourmet catering and décor to tech setup and coordination so you can focus on enjoying the moment. Every detail is tailored to your needs, and every event is infused with the Grand's signature blend of elegance and hospitality.

Perfect for:

Weddings & Receptions I Corporate Conferences & Seminars I Private Parties & Social Gatherings I Product Launches & Networking Events

The Board Room

The boardroom is an ideal setting for private meetings and small conferences, offering a quiet, professional atmosphere. It features a high-quality multimedia TV, speakers, and an integrated camera system. With comfortable seating for up to 13 guests, it provides a well-equipped and efficient space for productive discussions.



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The Grand Ballroom

Once the venue for Governor's and Planters' Balls, our historic Ballroom still carries its colonial charm. With space for 150–200 guests, it's ideal for weddings, galas, and corporate events—complete with timeless décor, modern AV tech, and flexible layouts to match your vision.



Prince George Suite (PGS)

Perfect for intimate gatherings of 50–75 guests, the Prince George Suite offers a refined space for meetings, seminars, or private celebrations. With fast Wi-Fi, projection systems, and full event support, everything stays smooth and stylish.

At the Grand Hotel, your event isn't just hosted—it's celebrated. Let's make it extraordinary.



Pulse

Planning a birthday bash, karaoke night, or DJ party? Our flexible event space is designed for fun and unforgettable moments. We also host training sessions, conferences, meetings, team-building events, and family get-togethers. Enjoy affordable packages and exclusive deals, perfect for any celebration or corporate event.



Barnes Hall

This magnificent venue is perfectly suited for indoor wedding ceremonies, grand gatherings, and signature events. Barnes Hall offers a unique, luxurious experience with its timeless design, spacious layout, and breathtaking ambience. Enjoy: A grand buffet setup, A stunning outdoor terrace, Seating capacity for over 250 guests.



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Say “I Do” in the Heart of the Highlands

At the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, weddings aren’t just events. They’re love stories brought to life. Nestled in Sri Lanka’s enchanting hill country, our heritage property offers a dreamy blend of colonial elegance, misty landscapes, and heartfelt hospitality. Whether you’re planning an intimate gathering or a grand celebration, we’re here to make every moment unforgettable.





Outdoor Weddings – Nature’s Perfect Backdrop

Imagine exchanging vows surrounded by rolling tea plantations, vibrant blooms, and the soft whisper of mountain breezes. Our sweeping lawns and landscaped gardens offer a romantic canvas for sunset ceremonies and picture-perfect memories. With colonial charm and panoramic views, it’s a setting that feels straight out of a fairytale.

Indoor Weddings – Elegance in Every Detail

Step into timeless sophistication with our climate-controlled indoor venues. Think vintage architecture, warm lighting, and graceful décor that blend tradition with modern luxury. From your first consultation to the final dance, our expert team ensures every detail is tailored to your vision.

Wedding Packages :

Lilly wedding

Daisy wedding

Jasmine wedding

Rose wedding

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What We Offer

We believe your wedding should be as unique as your love story. That's why we provide:

Wedding Services Include:

- Tailored themes and décor
- Seamless vendor coordination
- Flawless event execution
- Access to luxurious bridal suites
- Premium catering by our award-winning culinary team

Why Couples Choose the Grand

- A UNESCO-recognized hill country location
- Sri Lanka's first and only certified heritage hotel
- Renowned chefs crafting unforgettable menus
- Dedicated bridal suites for pre-wedding pampering
- All-inclusive wedding packages
- A team of seasoned professionals who care deeply about your day

Begin your forever journey where mist meets magic, and elegance meets emotion. At the Grand Hotel, your wedding isn't just celebrated. It's made into an extraordinary celebration.



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Everything You Need, Exactly Where You Want It

At the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, comfort isn't just a promise, it's a way of life. Whether you're here to unwind, explore, celebrate or simply breathe in the mountain air, our facilities and services are designed to make every moment feel effortless and awesome.



Dive into Serenity – The Indoor Pool

Inspired by Greek architecture and bathed in natural light, our temperature-controlled indoor pool is a year-round sanctuary. Whether it's a misty morning or a cool evening, step into calm waters and let the world melt away.

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Grand Spa – Where Wellness Begins

Treat yourself to a sensory escape at the Grand Spa. From soothing massages and rejuvenating facials to hydrotherapy and couples' rituals, each treatment is tailored to your wellness goals. It's indulgence with intention.

Open: 08:00 AM – 09:00 PM



Sauna – Your Daily Detox

After a day of adventure, step into our luxurious sauna and let the gentle heat work its magic. Relax your muscles, boost circulation and embrace a deep sense of calm.

Open: 08:00 AM – 09:00 PM



Grand Gymnasium – Fitness with a View

Stay energized in our state-of-the-art gym, complete with panoramic views and expert trainers. Whether you're keeping up your routine or starting afresh, it's a space that inspires movement and motivation.

Open: 06:00 AM – 09:00 PM



Billiards & Snooker – Classic Leisure

Step into a refined space where colonial charm meets competitive fun. Our three professional-grade tables and elegant décor make this the perfect spot for both seasoned players and casual enthusiasts.

Open: 10:00 AM – Midnight

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Kids' Play Areas – Smiles All Around

Little ones are in for a treat with our indoor and outdoor play zones. Safe, engaging, and thoughtfully designed, they offer joyful experiences for toddlers and older children alike.

Open: 08:00 AM – 09:00 PM

Concierge Service – Your Personal Guide

Need a dinner reservation, a local tip, or help planning your day? Our concierge team is here to make it happen……graciously, promptly and with a smile.

Open: 08:00 AM – 09:00 PM

Expert Naturalist Service – Explore with Insight

Join our seasoned Naturalists for guided walks, birdwatching and heritage storytelling. It's a chance to connect deeply with Nuwara Eliya's rich biodiversity and cultural roots.

Butler Service – Hospitality, Perfected

From unpacking your bags to preparing your morning tea, our butlers deliver white-glove service with quiet elegance. Every detail is handled with care, so your stay feels effortlessly luxurious.

Babysitting Service – Care You Can Trust

Enjoy your time knowing your little ones are in safe hands. Our trained caregivers create a nurturing environment filled with fun, learning and gentle attention.

Doctor on Call – Peace of Mind, Always

Health concerns don't follow schedules, so we're ready 24/7. Whether it's a quick check-up or urgent care our medical team is just a call away.

Laundry & Dry-Cleaning – Always Impeccable

From delicate silks to everyday wear, our laundry service keeps your wardrobe fresh and flawless. Ironing, pressing and special care included.

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Free Wi-Fi – Stay Connected

Whether you're working remotely or sharing travel snaps, our high-speed Wi-Fi keeps you seamlessly connected throughout the property.

Valet Parking – Hassle-Free Arrival

Hand over the keys and let us take care of the rest. Our valet service ensures your vehicle is safe and secure while you enjoy your stay.

Business Centre & Meeting Facilities

Need to get things done? Our fully equipped Business Centre offers printing, faxing and meeting support which makes it ideal for corporate guests and event planners.

Currency Exchange & Tour Desk

Swap your currency with ease and get insider tips on local tours. Our team is here to help you explore Nuwara Eliya with confidence and curiosity.

Accessibility

Special attention has been given to our guests who require enhanced accessibility. A ramp has been set in place to the Lobby which also has a toilet equipped to cater to guests with disabilities. There are two rooms especially configured for guests who require ease of access.

Shopping Arcade – Discover & Delight

Browse a curated mix of luxury brands and local crafts at our sustainable shopping arcade. Whether you're hunting for a keepsake or a last-minute gift, it's all right here.





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Golf in the Highlands

If your perfect day starts with dew on the fairway and ends with a fireside drink in a colonial clubhouse, then welcome to Nuwara Eliya Golf Club Sri Lanka's highland gem and a golfer's dream come true.

Nestled in the misty hills of the Central Highlands this historic course offers more than just a game. It's a journey through time and terrain. Established in 1889 by British tea planters, it's one of the oldest golf courses in Asia, and it still carries the charm of its colonial roots.

The 18-hole, par-71 layout is a delightful challenge. Rolling fairways, fast greens and cleverly placed hazards keep seasoned players engaged, while the natural contours of the land invite newcomers to enjoy the rhythm of the game. Every hole is a chance to pause, breathe in the cool mountain air and admire the sweeping views of tea estates and cypress groves.

After your round, step into the colonial-era clubhouse, a heritage landmark with warm hospitality and timeless elegance. Whether you're swapping stories over a drink or simply soaking in the ambiance, it's the perfect way to wind down.

And the best part? The course is just a five-minute stroll from the Grand Hotel. Whether you're here for a weekend escape or a longer retreat, golf fits seamlessly into your highland itinerary.

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What's Nearby: Explore the Best of Nuwara Eliya

Step outside the Grand Hotel and you'll find yourself surrounded by a treasure trove of natural wonders, cultural gems and charming colonial landmarks. Whether you're in the mood for a misty hike, a lakeside picnic or a quiet moment in a historic church, Nuwara Eliya has something special waiting for you.

Seetha Amman Temple

A sacred spot wrapped in legend; this Hindu temple is tied to the epic tale of Sita from the Ramayana. Peaceful, spiritual and rich in cultural meaning. A beautiful place to pause and reflect.

Horton Plains & World's End

Ready for a jaw-dropping view? Horton Plains National Park is a highland paradise of rolling grasslands and cloud forests. The hike to World's End is worth every step, especially when the mist clears and the valley opens up below.

Victoria Park

Take a gentle stroll through this colonial-era park once visited by Queen Elizabeth II herself. It's perfect for birdwatching, people-watching or simply soaking in the lush, manicured beauty.

Holy Trinity Church

Step into serenity at this 19th-century Anglican church. With its stained-glass windows and quiet charm, it's a lovely spot for a moment of peace and admiration.

Galway's Land National Park

Small but mighty, this national park is a haven for bird lovers and nature walkers. Keep your eyes peeled for rare species fluttering through the trees.



Queen's Cottage

History buffs, take note. This colonial residence once hosted Sri Lankan dignitaries. It's a charming reminder of the region's rich past.

Gregory's Lake

Pack a picnic, rent a paddle boat or just sit back and watch the sunset. Gregory's Lake is a favourite for families, couples and anyone craving a peaceful moment by the water.

Lover's Leap Waterfall

A short hike leads to this romantic cascade with sweeping views of Nuwara Eliya. Bring your camera along. This one's a stunner.

Moon Plains

For panoramic views that stretch across valleys and peaks, Moon Plains is a must. It's a photographer's dream and a nature lover's delight.

Hakgala Botanical Garden

Sri Lanka's second-largest botanical garden is a floral wonderland. From orchids to cool-climate blooms, it's a feast for the senses.

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Ramboda Falls

This dramatic waterfall is a favorite stop for scenic photos and quiet contemplation. The sound of cascading water is nature's own soundtrack.

Bomburu Ella

Sri Lanka's widest waterfall is a lush, green escape tucked between two districts. It's a refreshing reward for those who love the outdoors.

Tea Plantations & Factories

Ever wondered how Ceylon tea gets its magic? Join a guided tour through the plantations and factories and sip your way through the story of Sri Lanka's most iconic brew.

Nuwara Eliya Post Office

This Tudor-style building is more than just a place to send postcards—it's a charming piece of living history that adds to the town's quaint character.

Shopping Venues

Browse local markets and boutique shops for handcrafted treasures, stylish finds, and souvenirs that carry the spirit of Sri Lanka home with you.

Helipad & Seaplane Landing

Arrive in style or take off for your next adventure by air. Access is just moments away, making travel seamless and exciting.

Nuwara Eliya Golf Club

Just a short stroll from the Grand, this 18-hole course is a golfer's paradise. Colonial charm, cool climate and scenic fairways make every round unforgettable.

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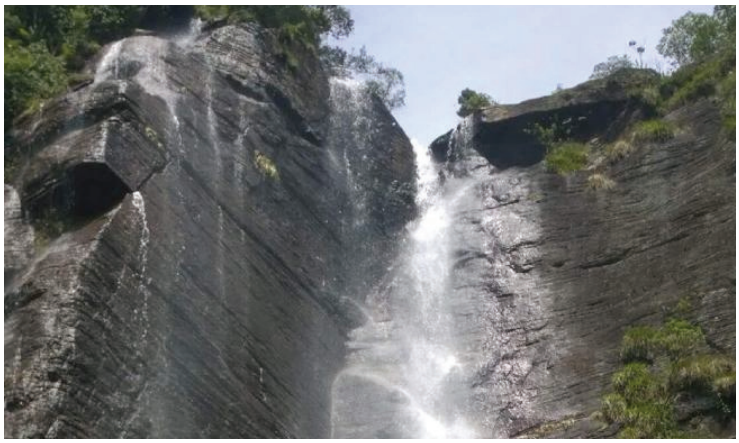
Moments in Nature, Made for You

Our experienced naturalist will guide you through the wonders of the landscape, explaining the unique wildlife, plants, and natural rhythms around you. With engaging insights and a friendly approach, they ensure an enriching journey filled with memorable moments and a deeper appreciation of nature's beauty.



- Frog Watching
- Wings of The Highlands – Bird Watching
- Peaks & Pathways – Guided Hiking Tours
- Whispering Trails – Guided Nature Walks
- Forest Serenity – Eco Therapy Walks
- Lichens Tour
- Inner Calm – Meditation & Yoga
- From Leaf To Cup – Tea Factory Experience
- Precision Focus – Air Rifle Shooting
- Little Farmers – Kids' Agricultural Experience
- Highland Archer – Traditional Archery
- Echoes of Nuwara Eliya – City Exploration
- Colours of The Wild – Therapeutic Painting
- Village Chronicles – Cultural Village Tour
- Little Wings – Butterfly Tour For Kids
- Tranquil Waters – Scenic Boat Ride
- Taste of Tradition – Cooking With Locals
- Roots of The Future – Forest Tree Planting
- Green Roots – Community Planting Activity
- Sky High – Scenic Helicopter Tour
- Cascading Wonders – Waterfall Exploration
- Pedals & Paths – Guided Cycling Tour
- Discover The Art Of Sri Lankan Handcrafts
- Herbal And Spice Garden Tour







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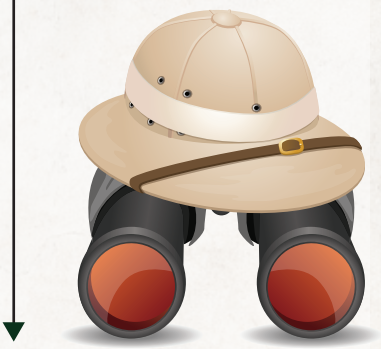
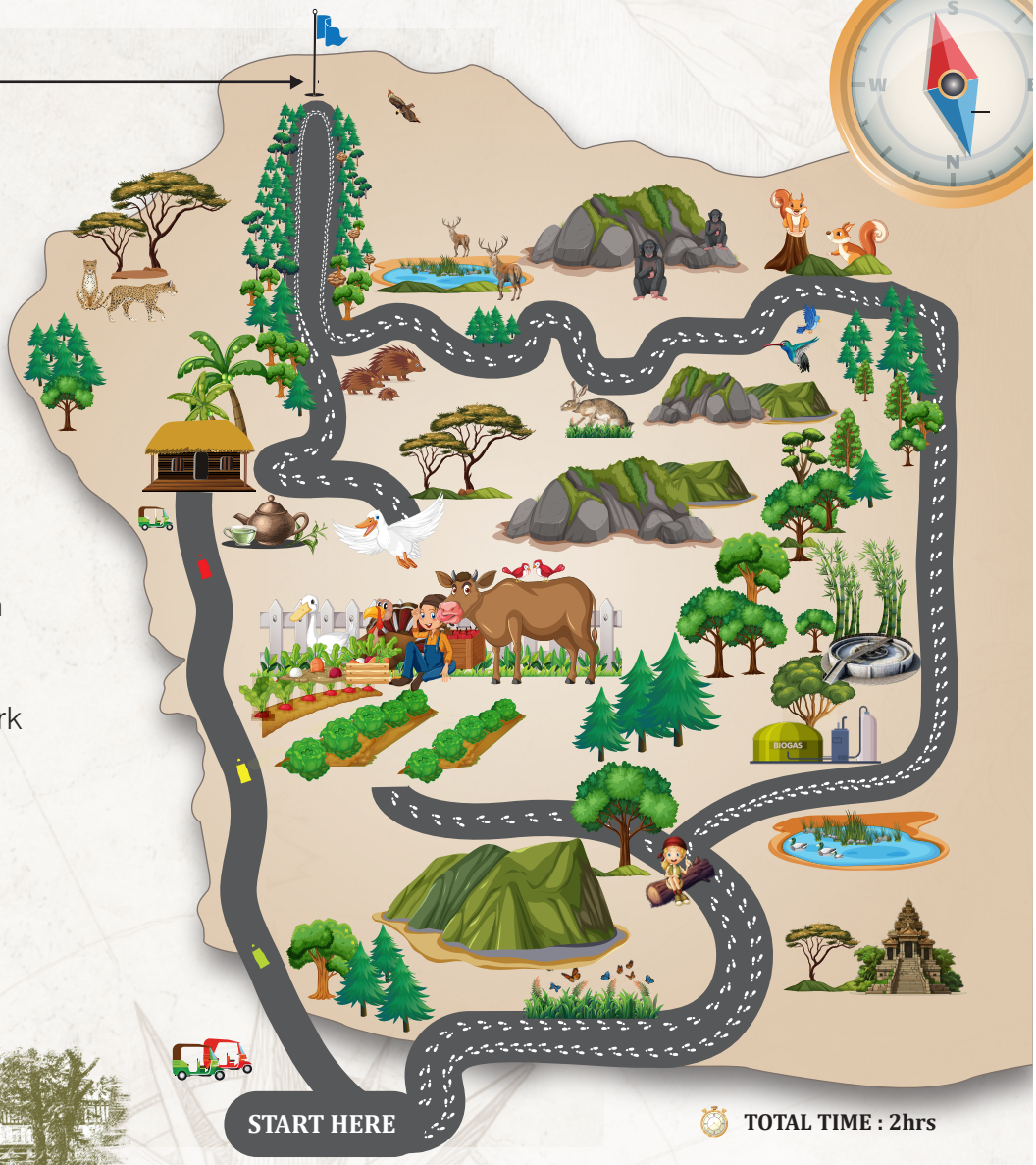
Barnes' Seat View Point

Nature & Adventure Trail





View Points

- Barnes Seat View Point
- Piduruthalagala Mountain
- Pedro Division
- Bomburuella Forest
- Galwaysland National Park
- Moonplains
- Hakgala Mountain
- Gregory Lake
- Nuwaraeliya City
- Golf Club
- Victoria Park
- Race Course
- Smyrna Church



Eco-Trek to Barnes Seat, Nuwara Eliya

Discover ancient forests, mossy paths, meditation ponds, and rare wildlife like Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys and Sambar Deer. Explore Butterfly & Herbal Gardens, Leopard Crossing, and Natural Water Ponds.

Package: Guided nature trail with a naturalist + refreshing herbal tea (with optional Sri Lankan sweets)

Paduru Party: Farm-to-table village feast with traditional music & dance. (Advance booking required)

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Essential Information for Your Highland Escape

Before you arrive at the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya, here's everything you need to know to make your stay smooth, comfortable, and unforgettable. From currency tips to travel routes and climate highlights, we've got you covered.

Currency & Payments

The local currency is the Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR), but you'll find that US Dollars are widely used and accepted. Prices for many goods and services are typically listed in Dollars, making things easy for international travellers.

We also accept:

- Australian Dollars
- Canadian Dollars
- Euros
- Singapore Dollars
- Japanese Yen
- British Pounds

Exchange rates follow official Sri Lankan authority guidelines and for added convenience, the Grand Hotel accepts American Express, Visa and MasterCard.

Warmest Month: April, with an average high of 22.9°C (73.2°F).

Voltage
220-240 volts AC

Time Zone
GMT/UTC (UTC+05:30)

Climate Snapshot

Nuwara Eliya is known for its crisp mountain air and refreshingly cool climate. That's a welcome contrast to Sri Lanka's tropical warmth. Surrounded by misty hills and lush tea estates, it's a year-round retreat where nature feels fresh and invigorating.

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Expect blooming gardens, golden sunshine and a gentle breeze that makes every walk feel like a breath of fresh air.

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Getting Here: Your Journey to the Highlands

By Road



Located just 175 km from Colombo, Nuwara Eliya is easily reached via scenic drives from Kandy, Badulla, Haputale, and Hatton. The journey winds through emerald tea plantations and misty mountain passes and each bend reveals a new postcard-worthy view. It's not just a drive, it's part of the adventure.

By Rail



While Nuwara Eliya doesn't have its own station, the nearby Nanu Oya Station (just 10 km away) connects you to the iconic Colombo–Badulla railway line. This seven-hour journey is a visual feast, weaving through dramatic landscapes and highland charm. Once you arrive, it's a short scenic drive to the Grand Hotel.

By Air – Seaplane



Want to skip the road and soar instead? Seasonal seaplane services offer 25-minute flights from Colombo (Waters Edge) to Lake Gregory in Nuwara Eliya. Available during April, August and December, these chartered flights are a luxurious way to arrive while you capture stunning aerial views of mountains and tea fields below.

By Air – Helicopter



For the ultimate in comfort, helicopter transfers from Colombo take just 50–60 minutes, landing at the Nuwara Eliya Racecourse. That's just 500 meters from the hotel. It's a breathtaking journey that turns travel into an experience. Perfect for those who want to arrive in style.

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